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### METHODS FOR PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS OF CHROMOSOMAL ABNORMALITIES

which is described and claimed in:

- the specification attached hereto.
- the specification in U.S. Application Serial Number 10/575,119 filed on April 7, 2006.
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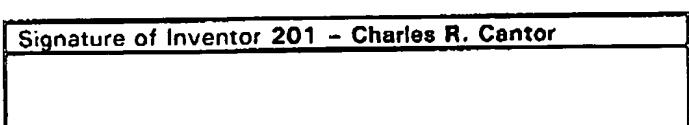
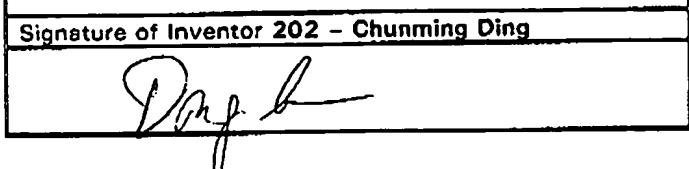
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